

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Monday, January 3, 2005, the following members were present:

Thomas J. Schneider, Vice Chairman  
Greg Jergeson, Commissioner  
Brad Molnar, Commissioner  
Doug Mood, Commissioner via telephone  
Robert H. Raney, Commissioner

(1) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of the election of the PSC Chairman, the PSC Vice-chairman, and confirmation of the PSC Secretary:

Commissioner Molnar moved to nominate Commissioner Schneider as PSC Chairman. Commissioner Mood seconded the motion. Commissioner Schneider respectfully declined the nomination.

Commissioner Raney moved to nominate Commissioner Jergeson as PSC Chairman. The nomination passed 4-0 for Commissioner Jergeson to become PSC Chairman. Commissioner Schneider abstained from voting for Chairman.

Commissioner Mood moved to nominate Commissioner Molnar as Vice-chairman. Commissioner Raney moved to nominate Commissioner Mood as Vice-chairman. Commissioner Molnar was elected Vice-chairman, having received 3 votes.

Commissioner Schneider moved to confirm Connie Jones as PSC Secretary. Commissioner Molnar seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

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GREG JERGSON, Chairman

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BRAD MOLNAR, Vice Chairman

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DOUG MOOD, Commissioner

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ROBERT H. RANEY, Commissioner

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THOMAS J. SCHNEIDER, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Connie Jones  
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Tuesday, January 4, 2005, the following members were present:

Greg Jergeson, Chairman  
Brad Molnar, Vice chairman  
Doug Mood, Commissioner  
Robert H. Raney, Commissioner  
Thomas J. Schneider, Commissioner

APPEARANCE

Leroy Beeby  
Utility Division

(2) In the matter of Sprint Communications Company L.P. Montana - Docket No. N2004.12.197: On December 14, 2004, Sprint filed its 242<sup>nd</sup> Revised Page 1, to introduce Sprint/Blackstone Surcharge Asian Prepaid PhoneCard and Sprint/Blackstone Surcharge Latino Prepaid PhoneCard; Sprint State Solutions 30; 15 level to 9278 Distributors, Inc. Surcharge Prepaid PhoneCard; Sprint/CVS Pharmacy International Prepaid PhoneCard, Sprint/CVS Pharmacy Latino Prepaid PhoneCard, and Sprint/CVS Mexico Prepaid Phonocard; and make text changes. Sprint is requesting a December 21, 2004 effective date.

Commissioner Schneider moved to approve the revision with an effective date of December 21, 2004. Commissioner Raney seconded the motion, which passed 4 to 0.

APPEARANCE

Robin McHugh, Administrator  
Legal Division

(3) In the matter of NorthWestern Energy - Docket No. D2001.10.144: Marjorie L. Thomas, an attorney for NorthWestern Energy, has made a motion to withdraw as counsel In the Matter of the Application of the Montana Power Company's 1) Approval for the Default Supply Portfolio, and 2) the Projected Electric Cost Tracking for the 12-Month Period Beginning July 1, 2002.

Commissioner Schneider moved to grant the motion. Commissioner Molnar seconded the motion, which passed 4 to 0.

APPEARANCE

Wayne Budt, Administrator  
Transportation & Centralized Services Division

(4) In the matter of T-04.60.PCN: On November 26, 2004 Brian David Parks dba Medicab, Missoula, Montana filed an application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity. That

application was noticed to the public on December 6, 2004 and no protests were received.

Commissioner Schneider moved to approve the application. Commissioner Molnar seconded the motion, which passed 4 to 0.

(5) In the matter of TN2245: Lloyd S. Hanson dba Valley Transfer & Storage, Kalispell, Montana requests permission to continue the suspension of PSC No. 4991 for a final 6 month period, December 18, 2004 to June 18, 2005.

Commissioner Schneider moved to grant the continuance of the suspension of PSC No. 4991 for the final 6 month period stated above. Commissioner Raney seconded the motion, which passed 4 to 0.

(6) In the matter of TN 2246: Sheila Y. Foos, as Personal Representative of the Estate of Mark L. Foos requests permission to continue the lease of PSC No. 9332 from Mark L. Foos dba Northwest Passage, Billings, Montana to Silver Eagle Shuttle, Inc., Billings, Montana for a 12 month period, December 23, 2004 to December 23, 2005.

Commissioner Molnar moved to grant the request for continuation of PSC Lease No. 9332 for the time frame stated above. Commissioner Schneider seconded the motion, which passed 4 to 0.

(7) In the matter of TN2247: Lynn J. Labatte dba L& L Sanitation, Culbertson, Montana requests permission to lease PSC No. 5039 to Allen C. Bowker dba Bowker Sanitation, Culbertson, Montana for a 6 month period, January 4, 2005 to July 4, 2005 pending completion of a sale and transfer.

Commissioner Jergeson moved to grant the request to lease PSC No. 5039 as stated above. Commissioner Raney seconded the motion, which passed 4 to 0.

(8) In the matter of the approval of Commission Minutes:

Commissioner Schneider moved to approve the Commission Minutes for the week of December 20, 2004. Commissioner Molnar seconded the motion, which passed 4 to 0.

APPEARANCE  
Monica Tranel  
Legal Division

(9) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Qwest's Motion for a term protective order in Docket No. D2004.11.184:

Commissioner Schneider moved to approve the term protective order pursuant to PSC guidelines. Commissioner Molnar seconded the motion, which passed 4 to 0.

APPEARANCE  
Kate Whitney, Administrator  
Utility Division

(10) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of staff travel:

Commissioner Schneider moved to authorize Mike Lee and Monica Tranel to attend the NARUC intercarrier compensation task force workshop Jan. 25-26. Commissioner Raney seconded the motion, which passed 4 to 0.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

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GREG JERGESON, Chairman

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BRAD MOLNAR, Vice Chairman

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DOUG MOOD, Commissioner

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ROBERT H. RANEY, Commissioner

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THOMAS J. SCHNEIDER, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Connie Jones  
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Thursday, January 6, 2005, the following members were present:

Greg Jergeson, Chairman (via telephone)  
Brad Molnar, Vice chairman  
Doug Mood, Commissioner  
Robert H. Raney, Commissioner  
Thomas J. Schneider, Commissioner

APPEARANCE

Scott Fabel  
Utility Division

(11) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Qwest Tariff Filing - Docket No. N2004.12.196:

Commissioner Schneider moved to approve the tariff filing. Commissioner Raney seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Kate Whitney, Administrator  
Utility Division

(12) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of out of state staff travel:

Commissioner Jergeson moved to approve the time given for Gary Duncan to teach a course in "Telecommunication Basics," January 30, 2005 to February 2, 2005 at the Center for Public Utilities in New Mexico. Commissioner Schneider seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

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